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SPUTTERING TARGET, METHOD OF PRODUCING THE TARGET, OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM FABRICATED BY USING THE SPUTTERING TARGET, AND METHOD OF FORMING RECORDING LAYER FOR THE OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM

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I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

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